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SPECIAL NOTICE!

REDUCED RATES FOR THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING, JUNE 26TH TO 30TH.

To Los Angeles, for the meeting of the American Medical Association, June 27th to 30th, a special rate has been made for those in California of one and one-third fare for the round trip, on the receipt-certificate plan. Pay your full fare going and get your receipt-certificate, which must be signed at the Registration booth in Los Angeles; you will then be able to purchase your return ticket for one-third fare.

Of course you have not forgotten that the American Medical Association is to meet this month in Los Angeles, beginning June 27th. THE A. M. A. And, also of course, you have made your arrangements to attend the meeting. It promises to be larger than had been expected, for a number of parties and special trains are being made up from Eastern points to come out to the Coast and combine a vacation trip with attendance upon the sessions at Los An-

geles. If you have not already made reservation of a room for yourself, you had better do so at once, as we learn that most of the larger hotels are already nearly, if not quite, fully reserved and the others are filling up rapidly. If you have any difficulty, write to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, Dr. H. Bert. Ellis, Bradbury Block, Los Angeles, and the matter will be attended to promptly by the proper committee. A list of the hotels, with rates, and of the meeting places and headquarters was printed in the last issue of the JOURNAL. We who know our California do not need to be told that the entertainments provided will be everything that spells California hospitality. The committee has been very busy and a most elaborate program of such entertainment features has been arranged. The Hall of Exhibits will undoubtedly be found to be as attractive as usual, and it should demand some of your time. A number of our advertisers will have exhibits, and it would be an excellent thing for you to let them know that they advertise in your JOURNAL. Cutter, Allison, Rogers, Keniston & Root, Leitz, Victor, Scheidel-Western X-Ray Coil Co., and doubtless others, will have exhibits. People you buy books from, and instruments and things, will also be there. Let them know that you buy their goods—and find out if they advertise in your JOURNAL, and if not, why not. It all helps. It helps the manufacturer, it helps your JOURNAL and it helps you by just that much. You will find no exhibit of anything that is not exactly what it should be; the Association, its *Journal* and your own JOURNAL stand behind the exhibitors and the advertisers.

The annual meeting of the State Society at Santa Barbara was, in every respect, a most successful one.

THE ANNUAL MEETING. The hotel was comfortable and the management did everything in their power to make our stay pleasant. The weather was perfect and the outings most enjoyable. The scientific program was very good indeed, which fact was sufficiently proved by the attendance at the various sessions and the discussions which the papers brought forth. The plan of having the Committee on Scientific Program retain its personnel, changing one member each year, will undoubtedly prove to be a wise change in our by-laws. Experience in getting up programs is half of the work; one soon learns what not to do and that is the most important thing. Dr. Lobingier, the chairman of the last committee, is to be congratulated upon the very excellent result of his labors. It was not expected that the attendance would be very large because of the coming

meeting of the American Medical Association in Los Angeles in June; a good many of our members who always attend the meetings did not wish to make two trips to the South so near together and wished to go in June. In spite of this, however, about two hundred registered, and a goodly number of these were from north of Tehachapi. It was frequently commented upon that the general tone of the meeting was cordial, friendly and pleasant. There were no fights and no unpleasantnesses to mar the harmony of the meeting and the House of Delegates did its work smoothly and well. The meeting was in every way a distinct success and those who attended will long remember it and the pleasant time everybody had.

Legislatures are fearful and wonderful things; they keep one excited for months, they leave one dazed when they adjourn, and then, after one has had time to come back to normal and contemplate the result, he often finds some startling things have happened. In the last days of a legislature it is difficult to keep track of what passes and what does not; and then comes the added difficulty of finding out what the Governor has approved and what he has allowed to die a natural death. Two bills directly amending the medical law were passed by the last legislature and, at the eleventh hour, were signed by the Governor, for some reason or reasons that cannot be discovered. One bill, introduced by Hurd of Los Angeles, Senate Bill No. 875, in its original form contained a number of provisions the real import of which was to license almost any one who applied for a certificate to practice. This was beaten, but on reconsideration, Hurd amended everything out of the bill except one clause allowing the Governor to appoint the Board of Examiners without nominations from the various societies and associations which, under the former law, elected twice as many nominees as there were appointments to be made, and from these nominees the Governor had to make his appointments. At the time of writing, the Governor has not signified his selection of examiners. The other bill that passed was prepared by the attorney for the Board of Examiners and was intended to compel a licensed physician to practice under his own name and to make companies, and similar institutions, display in a conspicuous place the names of the licensed physicians employed by them to practice. It passed the Senate after being introduced by Senator Avey and was known as Senate Bill No. 261. In the Assembly a number of amendments were added to it, some of them vicious and some

of them absurd, but all of them bad. The Senate did not concur in all of the amendments, but it did concur in enough of them to give the lawyers some work to do in the future.

In the Hurd Bill, No. 875, the only change from things as they were is that the Governor appoints without suggestions, as already stated. In the Avey bill, No. 261, the changes are more extensive and more radical. The first one provides that the board "May issue a certificate to any person who has practiced a special branch of medicine and surgery, at the time this act goes into effect, for a period of not less than thirty-five years, fifteen years of which time shall have been within the state of California." This was introduced in order to allow a quack cancer specialist named Bohanon, of Oakland, to continue to follow his nefarious calling. It is ridiculously absurd on the face of it and in all human probability will be thrown out of court as soon as it gets there. The sum and substance of the amendment is to say that any one who has successfully violated the law of the state shall be rewarded for so doing and allowed to continue! The next change is one which allows any applicant who fails, but who has received not less than 75% in each of seven or more subjects, to be re-examined in those subjects only in which he failed. Another amendment allows "any surgeon honorably discharged from the United States army or navy, regular or volunteer," to obtain a license to practice upon filing a sworn copy of his discharge with the board and paying \$50. And finally, the amendment which was the original bill, creating a new section to the medical law to be known as Section 13a, raising the penalty to a maximum of one year in jail or a fine of \$1000, for any violation of the section. It is long, but the gist of it has already been referred to. It requires a licensed physician to practice under his real name, and requires companies, etc., to display the names of the licensed physicians who are doing medical work in their employ. It is intended to do away with the "Dr. Smith & Co.," famous German specialists, and the like. Of course, it will have to be fought out in the courts, but the chances are it will be sustained. It is practically identical with a similar section of the dental law. In addition to what has been said, it may be remarked in passing that the change in penalty allows the cases to be tried in superior courts and not in police courts, thus giving a better chance for a just verdict and sentence.

Flight from the importunate demands of medical practice for a peaceful season of renewed acquaintance with long neglected scientific methods and introduction to the more recent attainments of the medical profession, is the secret of professional youth and is

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